

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner allowed Claims 45-60, 62-71 and 73-81. Application thanks Examiner allowing these Claims.

Examiner would also allow Claims 61 and 72 if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. The scope of Claim 61 was unclear due to the use of the phrase “a not melt polyester web adhesive”. Applicant amended Claim 61, the Claim now recites “a hot melt polyester web adhesive.” Claim 72 lacked proper antecedent basis, reciting the use of an elastic *layer* rather than an elastic *film*. Applicant corrected the antecedent basis of Claim 72 to recite an elastic *film*. Claims 61 and 72 are now in allowable form.

Applicant also amended allowable Claims 46, 53, 59, and 74 to correct improper antecedent basis. Applicant amended Claim 74 to recite “elastic *film*” removing an improper antecedent reference to “elastic *layer*,” this correction does not affect allowable content of the Claim. The Applicant also amended Claims 53 and 59 to correct an improper antecedent basis of “*the* thickness of,” the claims now recite “has a thickness ranging,” these corrections do not affect the allowable content of Claims 53 and 59. The Applicant additionally amended Claim 46, the claim now recites “a release adhesive deposited upon the carrier,” thereby removing reference to an unspecified layer in “a release adhesive deposited upon the carrier *layer*,” this correction does not affect the allowable content of Claim 46.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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